

Dear FCC,

I am in full agreement with ALL of the recent proposal by the CW FISTS Club, of which I am a member. As a new ham operator, I also wanted to comment on the current testing protocol. I was surprised how easy the Tech exam was. And I was even more stunned at how easy it was to pass the General exam. I could pass the Extra class exam, but I will not take the test because I don't think it's reasonable to call myself an extra class operator when I am not skilled to that degree. My husband, K3XI, obtained his Extra class licence the old-fashioned way... he earned it. I humbly submit to you, take it from a "newbie" in the hobby: The multiple choice exams are far too easy. And as a final comment, a sincere question: Do we really have to continue 'dumbing-down' everything in America... everything?

Most Sincerely,

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